



e-News

July 6, 2016

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***Worship This Sunday, July 10. Worship with us this Sunday as we seek to grow in the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and ask how the Lord might use us this week as we are sent out into our world. May you sense God at work in your life and then in and through you to others in this coming week.

We have been asking the question "What feeds your life?" in our sermon series this July. We are considering what we can do to feed our life, spirit, and soul in Christ Jesus. This Sunday Bo is preaching. He writes: "Do you recall that little Bible song 'The Wise Man built his house upon a rock'? It's such a simple and yet powerful message that transcends cultures, and it is as valid today as it was when Jesus spoke it in a parable to his disciples. Life is about building on a strong foundation, it is about learning how to be wise in an unwise world. This Sunday I will be preaching on 'Build a Shelter Against a Rainy Day...By the Way You Live.' Matthew 7:24-27. As you get your heart ready for Sunday worship, please ask yourself this question: 'What really feeds my life?' See you Sunday. Blessings, Bo"

May the Lord watch over you and strengthen you in Christ Jesus that you may abound in faith, hope, love, and joy wherever you go this week.
- Craig

***Music This Sunday:

9:00 a.m.--Bob Rudisill

10:30 a.m.--Worship Band

***Class This Sunday:

Bible Perspectives--10:15 a.m. in Woodruff Lounge (Room 201) with Jim Mullins

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meeting:

Day Deacons--July 10, 10 a.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Women's Bible Study--July 13, 10 a.m.

Golf 4 Fun--Sundays at 6 p.m. at Wedgewood G.C.

Praise Yoga--Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 8 a.m. in the narthex

Centering Prayer--Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 210

Mindfulness Practice is taking a summer break. We'll meet next on July 14, 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study--Saturdays at 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room

***Mission:

Night Deacons Summer Food Service Program--Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tanzania Mission Trip--if you are interested in going on our 2017 mission trip to Angel House Mission in Tanzania, please contact Clarence Red at redorthodon@gmail.com

Stephen Ministry--please continue keeping our training team in your prayers.

***From the Pastor.....Craig Herr, Senior Pastor

Angel House Mission News. We received two more letters from the young women we support at Angel House Mission, Lucia Joshua and Rhobi Mnanka. They are grateful for being at Angel House and thankful for our congregation's support and ask for your prayers. See Lucia's message to us, below.

Registrations Due For the Get Away to Lake Geneva. Please turn in your registration form and put down \$25 to secure a place at Lake Geneva. We need to finalize our accommodation plans. Brochures are out in the narthex. Bring your family and friends and make new friends. We will enjoy the beauty and waters of Lake Geneva at Conference Point Center right on the lake. We are going August 3-6. Call the office at 815-727-9259 for information.

Joliet Churches United For Christ. We have a great opportunity to reach out to many in our area. Plans have been made for a series of outreach worship services on July 16-30. There will be one week of outreach worship services on the East Side of Joliet and one week on the West Side of Joliet.

Worship July 16-22 at 224 S. Chicago St., Joliet, at 7:00 p.m.

Worship July 23-30 at 2365 W. Jefferson St., Joliet at 7:00 p.m.

We are leading Worship on Tuesday evening, July 26, at 7:00 p.m. on the West Side at 2365 W. Jefferson Street. Plan to come and worship with people from all over our city. It's a time when we are one in Christ with many members and guests from churches crossing over racial, economic, and denominational boundaries. We share our faith in Jesus Christ. Reaching out and worshipping together is a great witness to our community. --Craig

Vacation

Summertime is here. It is time for warm weather, cookouts, cold lemonade, and a vacation, or maybe a "staycation" this year. This might include some one-day trips to the beach or a water park, a long weekend in Chicago, Milwaukee, or St. Louis, or a longer trip to Disney World or Universal Studios, or even just staying home to relax or work on the house.

What about a vacation from God? Has this ever happened to you? Unfortunately, it has happened to me.

At times our church attendance becomes lax, prayers are not as frequent, and our time, talents, and money go elsewhere.

Fortunately, our God never ever takes a vacation from us.

God is always watching over us, listening to our prayers, granting us His grace, mercy, and forgiveness, even when we may be on vacation. Enjoy your summer and enjoy your vacation. Enjoy both with our God, who never takes a vacation. He watches over us and is with us always. Praise to our God. --Dave Steinberg



Here's is Lucia Joshua's letter to us: "Dear Church,

This year I am in form one. I really enjoy studying at school. My most best subject is science which consists of three subjects. I feel well to talk to you. How are you? How is the church? Thank you so much for being my sponsors and keeping me in your

prayers.

In other news...at Angel House there was a wedding celebration. New children joined Angel House family. I would like you to know I have good health..... Thank you for making it possible for me to live here. I am praying for you. Is there anything specific you need prayers for you?

The things which I want to tell you is that I will work hard in my studying. I love you so much.

from Lucy Joshua"

If you would like to send a note to Lucia Joshua, Rhobi Mnanka or Bhoke Mnanka at Angel House, you can send an email through the sponsorship address, angelhousesponsors@gmail.com. They will print the emails, read them to our sponsored girls and help them send a response. What a great way to stay in touch!

July 3, 2016

Worship Attendance — 179

Stewardship Report

2016-2017 Budget: \$ 792,916

Year to Date Receipts \$185,745
Year to Date Expenses \$170,529

2016-2017 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$38,911

Please remember First Pres. with your financial support during the summer months as we continue to serve and follow the Lord Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.

Volunteers this Sunday, July 10, 2016

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Children's Worship:

Laura Pritz

Sarah Lundeen

Greeters:

Kim Belfield

Emmie Ostrem

Acolytes:

Camryn Pope

Nolan Watson

Ushers:

Russ Brown, Capt.;

Mike House, Capt.;

Helen Steinberg

Wayne Zoellick

Bob & Mary Haas

Coffee Fellowship: Emma Sticklen

Sound Room: Rich Pool

Video Screens: Matt Blaser